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106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1134

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to restrictions on changes in benefits under Medicare+Choice plans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 1999

Mr. NADLER (for himself and Mr. FROST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Managed
5 Care Notification Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS IN CHANGES IN BENEFITS UNDER**
2 **MEDICARE+CHOICE PLANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1852(a) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-22(a)) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(7) CHANGES IN BENEFITS.—

7 “(A) PROHIBITION OF REDUCTION IN BEN-
8 EFITS DURING CONTRACT YEAR.—A
9 Medicare+Choice organization may not, during
10 a contract year, change the terms of benefits in
11 a manner that is adverse to an enrollee.

12 “(B) ADVANCE NOTICE OF CHANGES IN
13 BENEFITS.—If a Medicare+Choice organization
14 intends to change its benefits offered under this
15 part in a contract year from those offered in
16 the previous contract year, the organization
17 shall provide to enrollees, not later than 120
18 days before the beginning of the contract year
19 involved, notice in comparative form of the
20 changes in benefits intended compared to those
21 offered in the previous contract year.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
23 subsection (a) applies to contract years beginning on or
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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